

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An SCR muffler which comprises:

an SCR catalyst for selectively reducing and purging nitrogen oxide (NOx) contained in exhaust gas;

an exhaust pipe that allows the exhaust gas to flow into the SCR catalyst and has air holes in its portion to be inserted into the muffler; and

a reducing agent [[, etc.,]] supplying means that supplies a reducing agent or a reducing agent precursor to the exhaust gas,

characterized in that a plate having air holes which disperse and make a flow of the exhaust gas uniform is attached to an end of the exhaust pipe and greater in diameter than the exhaust pipe, and the air holes are arranged only in an area outside the diameter of the exhaust pipe, and in that the plate has a cross section shaped like a convex tapering upstream only in an area within the diameter of the exhaust pipe ~~provided downstream of the reducing agent, etc., supplying means and upstream of the SCR catalyst.~~

2. – 6. (Cancelled)